Belmont Park

Race 6 — 11/28/2026

Class: Jockey Club Derby (Grade 2)

Distance: 1 5/16 Miles

Surface: Turf

Purse: $500,000

Starters: 9

Post Time: 2:08 ET

THE JOCKEY CLUB DERBY. Grade II. Purse $500,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. Lasix not allowed within 48 hours of post time pursuant to HISA Rule 4212. 124 lbs. The New York Racing Association reserves the right to transfer this race to the Tapeta Track. In the event that this race is taken off the turf, it may be subject to downgrading upon review by the Graded Stakes Committee. (If the Stewards consider it inadvisable to run this race on the turf course, this race will be run at One Mile and Three Sixteenths on the Tapeta Track.) (Rail at 48 feet).

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Belmont Park R6
Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 5/16 Miles Turf | 3-Year-Olds | Jockey Club Derby (G2) | Purse: $500,000

Field note: Same races: Hill Prince (G3) here on 10/10—Third Coast won, Caroline St. Beat 2nd, Bull Shoals 3rd, Protect and Defend 7th; Nashville Derby (G2) at Kentucky Downs on 9/5—Caroline St. Beat won, Go Grey 3rd; Winter Hill (G3) at Windsor on 9/7—Maho Bay won, Venetian Prince 2nd; Gio Ponti Stakes on 9/7—Third Coast 2nd, Bull Shoals 4th, Chummers 5th; Saratoga New York-bred stakes on 7/24—Chummers won, Caroline St. Beat 2nd. **Same trainer:** Shug McGaughey (Quiet Power, Protect and Defend). **Blinkers off:** Bull Shoals. **First U.S. start:** Maho Bay, Venetian Prince. No Lasix. If taken off the turf, the race goes 1 3/16 miles on the Tapeta.

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Bull Shoals (Post 7) — Led early in the Hill Prince on 10/10. **Third Coast** (Post 9) — Pressed in 2nd, then took over to win the Hill Prince; led early in the Hall of Fame on 8/7.

Stalkers / Pressers

Quiet Power (Post 4) — Pressed in 2nd and drew off on 11/1. **Maho Bay** (Post 1), **Venetian Prince** (Post 3) — Raced in Europe; placed close up in their recent stakes.

Closers

Caroline St. Beat (Post 6) — Rallied from 6th in the Hill Prince and from 4th to win the Nashville Derby. **Chummers** (Post 8), **Go Grey** (Post 2), **Protect and Defend** (Post 5).

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **SOFT** early pace—projected :25 1/5 opening quarter, :50 2/5 half-mile. The report listed :50 2/5 as the opening quarter and 1:14 3/5 as the half; those are the half-mile and 6-furlong times. At 1 5/16 miles on turf, a :50 2/5 half is SOFT (the report said MODERATE). **Bull Shoals** and **Third Coast** should get an easy lead.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Maho Bay (GB)	9-5	10%	35.7%	-25.7%
2	Go Grey	15-1	4%	6.3%	-2.3%
3	Venetian Prince (GB)	8-1	6%	11.1%	-5.1%
4	Quiet Power	10-1	19%	9.1%	**+9.9%**





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
5	Protect and Defend	12-1	14%	7.7%	**+6.3%**
6	Caroline St. Beat	3-1	25%	25.0%	0.0%
7	Bull Shoals	20-1	9%	4.8%	**+4.2%**
8	Chummers	8-1	7%	11.1%	-4.1%
9	Third Coast	9-2	6%	18.2%	-12.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**129.0%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade:** the 9-5 favorite **Maho Bay** is –25.7% (not –22.1%). **Third Coast** is –12.2%. Overlays: **Quiet Power** +9.9% (not +12.7%), **Protect and Defend** +6.3% (not +8.7%) and **Bull Shoals** +4.2% (not +5.7%). **Caroline St. Beat** is even at 0.0% (not +7.5%).

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

Caroline St. Beat (Post 6) — Model Win %: 25%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old New York-bred colt, 3 for 6 on turf. Won the Grade 2 Nashville Derby at 1 5/16 miles at Kentucky Downs by 1 1/2 at 17-1 on 9/5 (the report said he had no G2 wins); 2nd by 1 1/4 as the favorite in the Hill Prince here on 10/10 (the report called it a dominant win). Miguel Clement trains.

Concerns: Beaten as the favorite last out. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), even (0.0%).

Quiet Power (Post 4) — Model Win %: 19%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 2 for 9 on turf. Won a turf optional claimer here by 2 1/4 on 11/1 after pressing in 2nd; 5th by 3 1/2 in the Grade 3 Old Dominion Derby on 9/7. Shug McGaughey trains.

Concerns: First graded win still ahead of him. At 10-1 (9.1% implied), +9.9%.

Protect and Defend (Post 5) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 1 for 7. Won a Saratoga maiden by 3 on yielding turf on 9/2; 2nd by a nose in a Belmont at the Big A maiden on 6/26 (the report called both stakes wins). Shug McGaughey trains.

Concerns: 7th by 4 3/4 in the Hill Prince on 10/10. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +6.3%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)

Maho Bay (GB) (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 3 for 5. Won the Grade 3 Winter Hill at Windsor by 2 1/2 over Venetian Prince on 9/7; 5th by 1 1/2 in the Grade 3 Hampton Court at Ascot. One graded win, not several. Charlie Appleby trains.





Concerns: First U.S. start; off 82 days; 4th by 7 1/2 in the Lingfield Derby Trial. At 9-5 (35.7% implied), –25.7%—the fade.

Bull Shoals (Post 7) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old colt, 1 for 7. Led and finished 3rd by 2 1/4 at 51-1 in the Hill Prince on 10/10 (the report called it a win); won a Del Mar maiden by 3 1/4 on 8/16 (not Belmont). Blinkers off. Jena Antonucci trains.

Concerns: One win. At 20-1 (4.8% implied), +4.2%.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)

Third Coast (9-2) — Won the Hill Prince by 1 1/4 on 10/10 and the Jersey Derby; 2nd in the Gio Ponti. –12.2%. **Chummers** (8-1) — A New York-bred, 4 for 10 on turf (not 0 for 10); 2nd by 4 1/4 in the Mohawk on 10/24; beat Caroline St. Beat by a head at Saratoga on 7/24. –4.1%. **Venetian Prince (GB)** (8-1) — Won the Grade 2 Derby Italiano by a head; 3rd by 4 in the Grade 2 Premio del Jockey Club at San Siro on 10/25. –5.1%. **Go Grey** (15-1) — 3rd by 4 3/4 in the Nashville Derby; 4th by 3 at Churchill on 9/25. –2.3%.

Jockey and trainer-percentage claims removed throughout.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Third Coast	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — pressed, won by 1 1/4 10/10
Bull Shoals	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — led, 3rd by 2 1/4 10/10
Quiet Power	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — pressed, won by 2 1/4 11/1
Maho Bay (GB)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — won G3 by 2 1/2 on 9/7
Venetian Prince (GB)	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — 3rd by 4 on 10/25
Caroline St. Beat	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 2nd by 1 1/4 10/10
Chummers	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 2nd by 4 1/4 10/24
Go Grey	VULNERABLE	STRONG	Moderate — rallied, 3rd by 4 3/4 9/5
Protect and Defend	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — 7th by 4 3/4 on 10/10

Critical MPH Insight

No horse rates ELITE late (Quiet Power changed from ELITE/ELITE to STRONG/STRONG; Caroline St. Beat's sustained changed from ELITE to STRONG). **Third Coast** won the Hill Prince after pressing; he is not a pace-collapse type (sustained changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG). Maho Bay and Venetian Prince have raced and are rated (UNRATED is not valid for a raced horse).





Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Quiet Power — Coming off a clear win; can sit close to a soft pace.

Protect and Defend — Lightly raced; second start against stakes company.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Maho Bay — 9-5 in his first U.S. start off 82 days.

Third Coast — Short price; the model rates him well below the morning line.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: CAROLINE ST. BEAT — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 3-1 or better

Model projects 25% at 3-1 (25.0% implied): even. Top model horse; fair odds are 3-1.

VALUE PLAY: NONE — No overlay under 10-1.

LONGSHOT PLAY: QUIET POWER — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 9-2 or better

Model projects 19% at 10-1 (9.1% implied): +9.9%. (The report had him as the Value Play.)

SECOND PLAY: PROTECT AND DEFEND — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +6.3%. Next unused model horse.

Multi-Race Sequences: Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3

A: Caroline St. Beat — 25%
B: Quiet Power — 19%
C: Protect and Defend — 14%

Combined Projected Probability: 58%

Favorite to fade: **Maho Bay** (9-5), –25.7%. Third Coast (–12.2%) is also a big underlay.

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A strong Grade 2 with two European shippers. **Caroline St. Beat** is the top model horse at a fair price. **Quiet Power** is the best overlay. Fade the 9-5 favorite **Maho Bay** (–25.7%).

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